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To: Members of delegations and staff

From: Director, Office of General Services

Subject: FIRST DAY OF ISSUE: 1993 ENDANGERED SPECIES SERIES

1. On Wednesday, 3 March 1993, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will mark the twentieth anniversary of the signing of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES) by starting a new multiyear stamp series on endangered species. The aim of the Convention is to make sure that international trade does not threaten the survival of species of wild animals and plants. The new series will draw attention to the need for the protection of endangered species throughout the world. Each year, UNPA will issue 3 sheets of 16 stamps, 1 sheet in each of the 3 currencies. Each sheet will illustrate four different endangered species.

Denomination: 29 cents

Endangered species:
Queensland hairy-nosed wombat
Whooping crane
Giant clam
Giant sable antelope

Designer:
Norman Adams (USA)

2. The 12 stamps, in denominations of 29 cents, F.s. 0,80 and S 7, each measure 39.2 mm horizontally x 28.6 mm vertically, perforation to perforation. Perforation: 12 1/2 x 13 3/4. The stamps will be printed by Joh. Enschede en Zonen (Netherlands). Each denomination will have a printing quantity of 4.8 million stamps (300,000 sheets). The sheet concept and border illustrations are the work of Rocco J. Callari, a United Nations staff member.

(United States equivalents - F.s. 0,80: 59 cents and S 7: 69 cents - subject to exchange-rate fluctuations.)

3. Due to the format of the sheets, collectors are advised that the MINT stamps will be available in selling units of a full sheet of 16 stamps or a single unit of a se-tenant block of 4 stamps.

4. First day covers for the endangered species series will be available as follows:

Single first day cover - four covers with singles for each location.

M.I. block of four first day covers - one cover for each location.

Combination first day cover - one cover for each location.

Triple-cancelled first day cover - one large cover with the three different se-tenant blocks of four affixed and appropriately cancelled.

Jumbo first day cover - one large cover for each location with full sheets affixed and appropriately cancelled.

Denomination: F.s. 0,80

Endangered species:
Gorilla
Peregrine falcon
Amazonian manatee
Snow leopard

Designer:
Betina Ogden (Australia)

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5. On 3 March 1993, UNPA will issue its fifth set of maximum cards. Each of the three different cards will feature photographs of the four endangered species illustrated on the stamps affixed to each card and cancelled first day of issue relevant to the respective office. The maximum card cancelled United Nations New York will sell for $1.46. The cancelled United Nations Geneva is priced at $2.72, while the cancelled United Nations Vienna is priced at $3.10, subject to exchange-rate fluctuations. The last day of sale for the maximum cards is 3 June 1993, subject to availability.

6. UNPA will issue the 1993 endangered species annual collection folder on 3 March 1993. The specially designed album will devote separate pages to each of the 12 endangered species. The album will contain information in English, French and German and be beautifully highlighted by an array of colourful photographs relative to the species. The mint edition of the folder will contain the 12 endangered species stamps not affixed inside the album although spaces and mounts have been provided for this purpose. The cancelled edition of the folder will have the stamps affixed and cancelled first day of issue in New York, Geneva and Vienna as appropriate.

Denomination: S 7

Endangered species:
Grey wolf
Humboldt's penguin
Desert monitor
Grevy's zebra

Designer:
Norman Adams (USA)

7. For the convenience of collectors, UNPA at Headquarters will provide prepared and cancelled New York, Geneva and Vienna first day covers on the UNPA official first day cachet ONLY.

8. Members of delegations and the staff may obtain the new stamps and first day cancellations on WEDNESDAY, 3 March, at the following locations:

(a) The UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building: 9 a.m.-5.30 p.m.;

(b) The counter at the north end of the Secretariat lobby: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

9. Collectors should note that the endangered species series is the result of a survey taken several years ago in which UNPA asked its collectors what topics they would most like to see on United Nations postage stamps. The protection of endangered species was high on the list of responses.

10. Staff members are encouraged to use United Nations stamps on their personal mail. By doing so, these miniature messengers of peace can educate unseen thousands of people to the activities and goals of the United Nations.